

Use of Combines Helped To Expedite the Harvesting of Canada's Greatest Wheat Crop

Much has been heard this autumn of the "combine," the agricultural implement which by cutting and threshing the grain in one operation has expedited the harvesting of Canada's great wheat crop. The combine has not been brought out that the use of this machine in certain parts of the Prairie Provinces has made possible not only by mechanical improvements but also by the development of wheat strains which ripen earlier than those once universally grown. The combine is not suited to all prairie districts, nor to all farming conditions even in districts where generally used. This is recognized by all interested in prairie agriculture, but notwithstanding this the increase in the number used in harvesting the crop of 1928 as compared with those employed in 1927 was very great. It is stated that in 1927 the number of combines in the prairies was less than 100, whereas in 1928 estimates place the total at 1,000, a figure that number. Exact figures cannot be given because many of the combines were delivered only a few days before the opening of harvest.

The combine gets its name from its combination of the functions of reaping and threshing. One part of the implement cuts the grain, high up, so as to take little more than the heads. The cut portion is then passed to the threshing-machine section and threshed out. The grain is delivered into a tank on the upper part of the machine and thence flows into the box of a wagon or truck which, while it is being filled, keeps pace with the combine. As each wagon is filled it is replaced by another and the full wagon is driven to the platform or to the elevator on the railway line if the distance is not too great. At the elevator the wagon is emptied and a graded, movable platform and emptied in a minute or less by being tilted backward, so that the grain pours out into a hopper underneath the platform from which it is raised by an endless chain of buckets into the bins of the elevator.

One of the subsidiary reasons for the sudden increase in the use of this implement is the new "swath" or windrow harvester. The swath is a wide reaper which cuts the grain in a strip from two to sixteen feet across and lays it, unbound, in swaths or windrows to be later picked up and thrashed by the combine. The swaths are kept from touching the ground by the "header" of the combine on which they lie, the air circulates freely all around the heads permitting them to ripen perfectly, if somewhat green, and allowing them to dry out in case of rain. The swaths, in time, labour, and each is obvious sign the grain is not bound into sheaves, then stacked on the ground, and later drawn to a central point and threshed, as is otherwise necessary.

The combine is new to principle. It was used in the southwestern parts of the United States and in Australia thirty years ago, and has since been exhibited and their workings demonstrated in the Prairie Provinces many times previous to the last decade. Individual combines were owned in Saskatchewan as early as 1908. Generally speaking, however, farmers, even those who had as many as eight or ten binders on their farms looked at the machine in those days but refused to buy. The chief objection was that when ripe the Prairie wheat then soon ripened so late in the season that part of the crop had to be cut while still "on the green side" and allowed to ripen in the stack. This difficulty has been overcome by the use of the swather and by the development at Canada's experimental farms, of Marquis, Carrot, and other varieties of wheat which ripen from two to three weeks earlier than the old Red Fife variety almost exclusively sown previous to the introduction of Marquis.

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chine was put into active service on the Dominion Experimental Station at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, thence onward the advance in its use was gradual until the great growing of this year.

Thus by the research work of the wheat specialists of the Department of Agriculture, coupled with that of inventors and mechanics, not only has the northern limit of the wheat belt been pushed poleward many miles, but the introduction of labour-saving machinery, enabling the cutting and threshing of wheat to go on simultaneously, has also been rendered possible, and this in turn has speeded up the transportation of the crop to the markets of the world.

Indian Traps Use Plane

Find It Economic Method To Reach Trap Lines. Nothing so indicative of the widespread growth of Canadian civilization as the fact that Indian trappers are using the plane to reach their trap lines. Native men, wealthy from profitable returns from their fur trades have long graduated from dog sleds to motor cars, but now the small plane from Mayo occasionally carries Indian trappers, who find it an economic method of travel, a few hours of comfort in the air being substituted for days spent toiling behind a laboring dog team.

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Fashion

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Lamb Becoming Popular Meat

Statistics Show Canadians Eating More Than a Year Ago. Efforts of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, the packers and other organizations to make lamb a more popular meat in Canada seem to be bearing fruit as the latest statistics from Ottawa show a steady increase in the consumption per capita. Three years ago, Canadians were eating barely five pounds of lamb and mutton every year with almost six pounds in 1926, and 6.11 pounds in 1927, the latest year for which figures are available. When the 1928 statistics are announced undoubtedly a further gain will be reported as efforts to increase consumption are continuing and the quality of the lamb turned out, especially, is improving.

While the gain had been steady this country is still a long place behind those places where lamb is really appreciated. In New Zealand for instance, the consumption for every man, woman and child is placed at 110 pounds, and there is no indication that the people there are beginning to look like sheep despite the record of almost a third of a pound per head. In Australia, too, they prize lamb and mutton, and serve it freely with the per capita consumption per year estimated at 72 pounds. Great Britain is not content with less than 22 pounds, while only in United States among the more important countries, is consumption comparable to ours where it is placed at 3.4 pounds.

Butte Merchant: "Any beer but Guinness?"

Lady of the House: "Do I look as if I drunk beer?"

Butte Merchant: "Any vinegar bottles, mum?"

"How are you getting along at your job, Bill?"

"Fine. I've got five men under me now."

"Really?"

"Yes; I work upstairs."

It is the man and woman that count, not the amount of money they have in the bank.

A clever treatment, especially adapted to the woman of mature figure, is wide box-plats at center-front of two-piece suit, with ornamental pockets at each side. The surplus cloth is turned under and rolled in revers with straight collar attached. The material is medium checked for this sweater dress. The collar, revers, facing and vest are of plain jersey. Edge of collar and pocket trim are of binding in deepest tone of print to match color suit. Shown in navy blue, white, and cream. Other colors are popular ideas with the woman who is a "style" girl. Hat, silk, crepe, plain velvet, tulle and crepe. Hat, style No. 308 is designed in sizes 16, 18, 20 years, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 36 inches long. The 20-inch size takes 2 1/2 yards of 40-inch material with a yard of 56-inch contrasting and 1 yard of binding. Pattern price 35 cents, in stamps or coin (not in quarters).

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"I want a nice picture for a wedding present."

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Laustige Koller Zeitung, Cologne.

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PRINCE OLAF

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Ask For Tariff Adjustments

Tariff Advisory Board Deals With Several Requests

The tariff advisory board at a recent meeting in Ottawa, directed its attention upon separate references for tariff adjustments on peanuts and other varieties of nuts, clay-working machinery and unwoven cotton-textile cocoons.

Representing the confectionery, ice-cream and chocolate industries of Canada, C. J. Bodley submitted a brief asking for a 50 per cent. tariff drawback on nuts used for home consumption, sheltered in Canadian factories.

R. J. Deschamps, Ottawa, represented the International Clay Products Limited, Estevan, Sask., asking for the removal of the existing duty on pottery machinery, which ranges from 27 1/2 to 50 per cent. There was no opposition.

It was argued that this type of machinery was not manufactured in Canada owing to its present limited demand. Removal of the duty, however, would permit the Canadian clay products manufacturer to compete on a more equitable basis with the United States manufacturer.

May Utilize Straw From Western Farms

Problem Of Waste May Be Solved By French Invention

For years experts have been another have wrestled with the idea of utilizing the millions of tons of straw that annually go to waste on western farms, and now there is more than a flickering ray of hope that the problem is about to be solved through the invention of a new machine by a French engineer.

The Saskatchewan Government, which has closely watched every plan brought forward in the past, is said to be interested in the new invention may ship to the west a few tons of straw over to France to be tested in the new machine. The French engineer's invention is a machine that presses straw into a disk about two inches thick and binds it with steel wire. The disk can be used for partitions or in the construction of all sorts of out-buildings. It is also said to have possibilities as a fuel.

HIS WATERLOO

(By Clara McCreery)

He is known to the man in the street as master of matters financial; this fortune has been no defeat.

His findings are vast and multitudinous. He rules with an autocratic sway—his whims do all as they're bid.

And his projects get under way while others are quite overboard. He governs his railroads and the war, and sends out his ships on the eve.

But one thing he cannot control—his happier upstart of a daughter!

"Bridge, it always seems to me that the unkindest mistress gets the best looks," Ah, man, go on with your larmy."

If people are very bright, it is impossible to keep them in the dark.

Work of League of Nations Has Gained Fresh Emphasis From Signing of Peace Pact

LABRADOR MAY BE SOLD

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"Were it not for Canada, the continent of North America, alone of the continents of the globe, would be represented at the League of Nations. Canada's voice at the League is, therefore, very much the voice not only of this continent, but, to express it in another way, of the new world."

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Was Veteran Of Great War

German Red Cross Dug Dies Of Old Age

Old age had claimed the last of one set of veterans of the World War that were young and tried throughout the struggle. This is no paradox, for these veterans were dogs attached to the German Red Cross, and the longest-lived of them all just died at Hamburg. He had attained 20 years, and since he was demobilized the dog had been surrounded by comfort in a good German home.

Nearly everywhere in the white man's world, and in many parts of Asia and Africa, there are former soldiers who remember with gratitude what the Red Cross dogs meant to them when they were lying wounded in places where the hospital corps was unable to go. Sometimes it was an exposed ambulance sometimes it was under a bush. In these places went the Red Cross dogs of Germany, carrying first aid in their packs and ministering as best they could to afflicted man. The sight of these fine humanitarian, creeping along to avoid the danger in the air, or running gaily with the full knowledge that no manhood would stand by them, had been properly described by many German veterans

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Edmonton, Alberta.—Looking to
the improvement of wool produced
by the sheep ranchers of the Prairies,
a party of experts has started
out under the direction of the Re-
search Council of Canada to make a
survey of the representative sheep
ranches of the three provinces.
British Columbia is included in the
tour.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—The forma-
tion of a dairy pool is suggested as
a possible means of meeting the
competition of Denmark in dairy
products on the British market by
Sir Thomas Allen, leader of the co-
operative movement in Great Brit-
ain and special envoy of the Empire
Marketing Board at the wheat pool
conference in Regina.

India Head, Saskatchewan.—
One hundred million trees have
been distributed throughout the
Western provinces from the Fore-
stry Farm here and its subsidiary
at Sutherland, and the work is still
progressing at an unaltered rate.
Practically all go free to farmers
and an average of a car a day is
shipped. The work was started in
1901.

The Alpine Club of Canada will
hold its 23rd annual camp July 11-
31 at the Lake of the Hanging Glac-
iers in the Purcell Range of the
Rockies. Banff will be the rail-
head for the camp which, a five
hours motor journey farther on,
Eleven peaks all above ten, and
some exceeding eleven thousand
feet in height, will be at the dispo-
sal of the campers. There are
also many others between nine
and ten thousand feet.

East makes its annual boat to
West with the University of Mont-
real trip across Canada in the Pac-
ific and back, starting from Montreal
July 7. Many prominent French-
Canadians make this annual trip
which is sponsored by the University
and run on Canadian Pacific
trains, motor facilities and Great
Lakes steamships. All the major
cities of the West and the beauty
spots of the Rockies are covered in
this popular tour.

Younger railwaymen in the em-
ploy of the great Canadian trans-
portation companies held their first
annual conference at Montreal re-
cently under Y. M. C. A. auspices.
The young men came from all
points in Canada between Halifax
and Vancouver and quickly ac-
quainted, swapping experiences and
stories in fraternal fashion after
the first informal introduction. It
is hoped to repeat the conference
yearly.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

Year ending 31st October, 1928

LIABILITIES

Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$ 10,460,280.00
Deposits by the Public	118,125,851.59
Deposits by Other Banks	5,431,110.39
Letters of Credit Outstanding	1,108,928.48
	\$134,126,471.43
Dividend, Bonus and Unclaimed Dividends	280,576.75
Capital Reserve and Undivided Profit	15,619,902.11
	\$150,027,356.99

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 11,183,753.64
" in Central Gold Reserve	3,350,000.00
" on deposit with Minister of Finance for Circulation	352,983.83
Notes of and Cheques on Other Banks	10,903,175.97
	\$ 25,389,923.44
Government and Municipal Securities	30,454,586.70
Other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	104,821.22
Call Loans on Securities	18,431,161.18
	\$ 74,380,274.54
Commercial Loans and Advances	67,356,565.72
Bank Premises	6,032,847.38
Other Assets	1,148,943.50
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit	1,108,928.45
	\$150,027,356.99

FELEG HOWLAND,
President.

A. E. PHIPPS,
General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

We report to the Shareholders of the Imperial Bank of Canada—
That we have audited the above Balance Sheet as at October 31st, 1928, and compared it with
the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the Branches. We have
obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the trans-
actions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.
In our opinion the Balance Sheet discloses the true condition of the Bank, and is as shown by
the books of the Bank.
The above Balance Sheet does not include money which has been set aside by the shareholders
from time to time for the purpose of a Pension Fund.

A. R. SWERDIN, C.A.
of Pank, Moore, Mitchell & Co.
A. W. COLE, C.A.,
of Macintosh, Cole & Robertson.
Toronto, November 20th, 1928.



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Medicine Hat

Has Faith in Canada's Future

American Consul-General speaks of growth of the Dominion.

Albert Halsey, the American Consul-General, was the guest of honor at a recent "Fighting" luncheon, held in London. Mr. Halsey was welcomed by a hundred men prominent in British life who extended greetings to him on behalf of the Fighting Society, speaking of the relationship of Canada and the United States Mr. Halsey said:

"After my many years in Canada I feel justified in saying that if Canada is, as has been so well said, inter-pret of Britain to the United States and the United States to Britain, that as an American of many years residence in Britain and Canada, I am in an exceptional position to interpret Canada to you. It is very gratifying to refer to the continuing growth of the Dominion. I feel that the nature of development of the Dominion into nationhood has not lessened, but if any thing increased, the devotion to the British crown and its sympathy and interest and pride in Britain and the Empire."

At the close of the Great War, to which Canada's contribution was superb, but which left a heavy burden on the Dominion, the Canadian people, and Canadians met their problems with courage and confidence and over several years their situation has been improving until now the government is paying off its debt from revenue. Property prevails, optimism is general, and though there is a measure of speculation which seemed threatening, that danger seems past and a look forward with assurance to a continuing development and growth of the Dominion, whose resources are marvelous and whose people, both British and French, as well as those of other strains, are filled with courage and actuated by high sentiments of duty and honor.

"There is a continuing development of friendship between the United States and Canada and of mutual respect, confidence and regard. Both countries feel that pure relations, one with the other, and the absence of artificiality in the relations, stand as example to the world."

Lord Desborough, president, read the address of President Mackenzie King to the Dominion.

How Safe Is Civilization

More People Killed By Autos In America Than Wild Beasts.

Kill in India.

The land of India, as we all know, is fully enlightened and uncivilized. Last year, for instance, 24,000 people there were killed by wild beasts and reptiles. Snakes alone took 19,000 lives; tigers took 1,023 more; wolves, 485; leopards, 17; and crocodiles 146. Deplovable isn't it?

Fortunately we in the United States don't face those dangers. We are far too advanced and civilized for anything like that.

To be sure, there were more than 24,000 people killed in the United States last year by automobiles. But, to the words of the immortal Mr. Mark, "What's the idea in bringing that up?"

Not Really Smart

A young negro, driving a cart drawn by a mule, was endeavoring to induce the animal to increase its speed. Suddenly the mule let go with his heels and dead the negro a tremendous kick on the head that stretched him on the ground.

"Be he hurt?" asked a stranger of another negro who had jumped from the cart and was standing over the prostrate driver.

"No, boss," was the reply. "Dat mule will probably walk right off ten days for a day or two, but he ain't hurt."

It's another of life's little contradictions that a man can marry widow and marry again at the same time.

SNORE AT THE POLE.

"Come and dine with us," he ceremony. Just the usual black jacket!"

—Journal Amuseur, Paris.

Woman Blacksmith

Has Been In Business For Over Twenty-Five Years.

Mrs. Annie Chubb, of Kenilworth, in North London, Eng., is believed to be the only working woman blacksmith in England. She has been in the business for more than twenty-five years.

"She makes from balconies and window frames and artistic 'antiques'—ironwork. She can swing a four-pound sledgehammer as well as any man."

Mrs. Chubb is sixty-three years of age, and has trained her three sons to follow her trade—one in America and two in England.

"I have been a widow for many years," said Mrs. Chubb. "My husband was a blacksmith, and I took up the work to help him, as he was delicate and could not manage single-handed. After he died I carried on the business."

First she had the forge, like and mountain current bushes grow around it, and there was a collection of grass and some trees at the back.

"The heaviest job I ever did was to make two giant hinges for a factory. They were as heavy as those that they had to be made in two sections."

"The favorite work has always been the more artistic forms of iron beating."

"We used to make those antique 'dogs' for fireplaces that interest collectors. They had to look old and battered, and were destined to be 'gilded'."

Mrs. Chubb's only assistant is her twenty-two-year-old son.

Animals Fond Of Music

Quiet Places Played On Piano Give Them Pleasure.

A well known music hall has been making inquiries as to the likes and dislikes of animals with regard to music. It has been ascertained that dogs dislike it, but these inquiries show that it is only the rougher kinds which they dislike, while the best classical and modern music seems to give them pleasure.

The piano seems to be their favorite instrument, and the violin and brass band their pet aversion. Many cats are attracted by the piano when quiet music is played, as well as when they themselves can make music by running over the keys. Caged birds are cured of homesickness by its sound, and monkeys and mules come from a distance to listen to it.

Mice, besides finding the piano a convenient place to hold their meetings, appear to like the sound a lot, while cows give more milk, and hens more eggs, when they listen to it regularly. That pigeons prefer classical music to the weaker sort known as "popular" is well established, while flying squirrels and parrots are now reported to show displeasure when ragtime or jazz is played, and a keen enjoyment when better types of music are provided.

Had Ready Answer

Humor Of Mark Twain Was Always In Evidence.

Among the thousands who drifted into the camp during the early days of the first Nevada gold rush was Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain). He was an unlucky fellow as he hung by his shingle as a notary business was poor, and to occupy his spare time he would work at the various camps, often turning the windfalls that lifted the ore buckets from the shafts. He died not long after he was laboring at the crank by a passing acquaintance with, "Well, Sam, what do you think you are doing now?" the perplexing young lawyer, without pausing for reply replied: "Just vinding up the company's business."

Natural Gas Production

Production of natural gas in Canada in 1927 totaled 21,787,000 cubic feet, valued at \$1,616,000. The Province of Alberta was the principal producer with an output of 13,431,621 cubic feet; Ontario was next with 7,811,510 cubic feet; and New Brunswick third with 630,780 cubic feet.

"Don't want to Ottawa expecting that his Senator would get him an easy bribe."

"And did he?"

"Not exactly; but he gave him a wide one."

"What's that?"

"Verbalizer."

"For the last night's sake."

"You're right!"

Artist: "Wanna say?"

Young Thing: "Go back, pal!"

Artist: "Well, I'll catch one for you."

British-Built Planes

Are Declared Best

Following Successful Flight Foreign Powers Give Orders For Flying Boats.

Numerous orders for British-built flying-boats have been placed by foreign governments as a result of the success of the great 21,000-mile flight by a fleet of Supermarine Napier flying-boats from Britain to Australia and back to the new Empire flying-boat base of Hongkong.

A feature of this great British air achievement was the fact that throughout the 21,000-mile flight neither the four flying-boats nor the eight Napier engines which drove them required any spare parts. The only parts changed during the flight were two wooden propellers which were replaced by metal screws as being more suited to tropical conditions.

As a further result of this Empire formation flight, the Air Ministry is to open Empire flying-boat bases from which big all-metal flying-boats will operate to assist the Navy in patrolling Empire routes.

Manitoba Barley

Proven Now Grows More Barley Than Wheat.

A barley research laboratory will be established at the Manitoba Agriculture Department, according to Premier Bracken. A committee, of which C. H. Burnell, president of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, is chairman, has been organized. It will be known as the Manitoba Barley Research Committee. Hon. Albert Prentiss, Minister of Agriculture, will represent the Provincial Government and Prof. H. C. Grant, of the Agricultural College, will be secretary of the committee. The purpose of the committee is to carry on research and open up new markets for Manitoba's barley. Manitoba grows more barley than wheat.

Airmen and Maps

32,000 Squares Mapped By Royal Canadian Air Force.

An extent of country larger than the combined areas of the States of New York, Delaware and Rhode Island and also larger than the whole of England, has been photographed and charted this year by the Royal Canadian Air Force. Of the 32,000 square miles which Canada's air men photographed, 22,000 by vertical and 10,000 by oblique photography. These photographic operations extended into eight of the nine provinces of Canada for each various purposes as geological mapping, water-power investigation, determination of geological and timber resources, preparation of topographical maps, experimental work.

There is an urgent demand for mapping of areas beyond the limits of established settlement made on the Canadian Government. Topographical Survey, for which Barrow's circuit biggers are carried out.

Big Grain Elevator At Coast

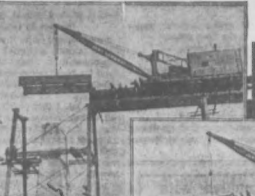
Early in December a 1,000,000 bushel grain elevator will be opened on the Fraser River, near New Westminster, British Columbia. The elevator will have a receiving capacity of 100,000 or 150,000 bushels per day and a shipping capacity of 80,000 bushels per hour. It will have railway connection with the Canadian National Railway, the Great Northern and the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The great secret of success in life is to be ready when your opportunity comes.—Dietrich.

Apple Dehydrating Plant

About 26 tons of apple pulp are being treated daily at a dehydrating plant established recently at Vernon, British Columbia, in the Okanagan Valley, one of the most productive fruit districts in Canada.

A Great Engineering Feat



This year the Canadian Pacific engineers at Toronto have been faced with the problem of entirely replacing a thirteen span bridge over the Don Valley without interfering with traffic. The accomplishment of this feat, it is said, will go down in engineering history as being a noteworthy contribution to the science of bridge building.

The original bridge was built of steel in 1888, and was 1,160 feet long and 12 feet high. The new bridge rests on concrete piers which were poured from the top of the old structure. When the new bridge was in place there were no strong winds, each of the new 40 ton spans were laid as opportunely as they were ready, and in between trains a gang of workmen ripped up the old track and the whole structure came down to the old place and used the hole previously to demolition. "Then from our side of

the valley a huge derrick removed a section of the old bridge to a siding, when the new span was hoisted from the other side and launched into position. A temporary span was placed between the old and new spans, new tie and track were laid and the bridge was ready for traffic or the repetition of the process on another span.

Photos show a portion of the old bridge being torn away and, next, a temporary span being placed between the old and new structure and the section of the new structure and

Large Exhibit Of Honey

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LIKES 'EM WILD

The Unseen Wall Of Canada

Red Cross Makes Splendid Contribution By Caring For Sick and Needy.

Two centuries before the Christian era, there lived in China an Emperor of great magnificence, known as Shih-tseung. He was a ruler, and he was the ruler for the stupendous building erected during his reign, known as The Great Wall.

Two thousand years have passed away, and this massive masonry, with its towers and gates extending for hundreds of miles along precipitous crags and ridges—the most stupendous erection of human hands—stands as firm today as at the beginning and all men gaze upon it and marvel.

Old as The Great Wall, it is there to something older still. It is the rocky trail that winds through it into Mongolia, where for twenty centuries the wall was built, men and beasts wended their way. Canals and their dirty drivers, caravans and pack-ponies, and the great caravan trails of the world, passed through its walls in tedious procession for hundreds of years followed the high with its towers and gates—the winding road of the Great Wall.

Human life was cheap in those days, and when one fell, another took his place, and the great caravan moved slowly on.

Walls are not built for protective purposes round the cities of the world today. Ruins show there were Romans who guarded their cities by the wall, and the Greeks at Athens, the Jews at Jerusalem.

Forwarded is forwarded, and is prevention of sickness by the walls of education in health, The Unseen Wall of Canada, protects the crippled child, the sick sister in the wilderness, the wife and mother, the ignorant mother in the home and the growing child in the school, thus fulfilling the obligations in Article XXV, of the Treaty of Commerce, Improvement of Health, Prevention of Sickness, Mitigation of Suffering."

Why a "Dumbbell"

Name Taken From Apparatus Used For Teaching Ball-Binders.

Why do we call the wooden exercisers we swing dumbbells? Why don't we name centuries ago a favorite exercise was in the pattern of the apparatus by which the heavy bells of a church are swung—a bell which calls for considerable energy on the part of the ringers. This apparatus was used sometimes for the purpose of training ball-binders, and it is probable that its use as an exerciser was first suggested in this way. Later on, the name "dumbbell" was taken exercise were evolved, but the "dumbbell" was still kept as the name.

Look For Help From U.S.

Cooperation by the United States in international affairs, including activities of the League of Nations, along business lines with plain speaking, is what the League looks for under the presidency of Herbert Hoover. Officials at Ottawa are of the belief that Mr. Hoover, from hard experience, realizes the inter-dependence of nations and the need of international collaboration.

George—I saw Mr. Fish today.

Grace—Did he give you any message for me?

George—He asked me to tell you to drop him a line.

Knowledge may be power, but it is seldom powerful enough to move a stubborn man.

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W. N. A. 1700

Interesting Local Items

Clyde Gilmore will represent the Hot high school again this year in the national contest.

First in the list of Canadian figures is the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal. It's only \$1 a year or three years for \$2. It is attracting world-wide attention.

The Glasgow workers Union members are already preparing for their annual ball to be held on New Year's Eve. We hear it is to be bigger than ever this year.

Vega Lodge members are putting on a dance in Cliff Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 12th. Good music assured and a good time promised. Watch for further particulars.

St. Mary's Altar Society was well patronized for their afternoon tea, whilst diva and dance in Cliff Hall last Friday afternoon and evening. There was a splendid display of goods for sale during the afternoon and they were readily disposed of. All through the evening the program of whist and dancing.

About \$500 worth of damage was done by fire on Cliff Hill last week. A small granary with some grain in it, and a few more completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is a mystery. There was no insurance.

The F. W. Baird and Weekly Star of Montreal is not only a money maker but a money saver for the farmers of Canada, while the Baird's family circle, in the entertaining magazine, gets what is entitled to be the best of all.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of John W. Siddle, who was killed in the brick yard, Redcliff on the 28th of Dec. 1928.

He little thought when leaving home.

He would no more return, That he in death so soon would sleep.

And leave us here to mourn, We do not know what pain he bore.

We did not see him die; We only know he passed away; And never said goodbye.

Lovingly inserted by his wife and family. Mrs. J. Siddle

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IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

Review of Canadian conditions by the President,
Vice-President and General Manager

Farming—the basic industry—sound and profitable
Industrial prospects are pleasing

54th Annual Report best in Bank's history
Total Assets up \$12,000,000

Mr. Polk Howland, President, took the chair of the Annual Meeting at shareholders in Toronto on November 22nd and spoke in part:

Our profits have been good, and are shown after making ample provision for contingencies. The usual dividend has been paid, with a bonus of 1 per cent. for the year, and we have paid in increasing our Good and writing off a large sum from our Bank Premium Reserve.

Foreign Trade Increased.

To refer to general conditions in the country, our foreign trade has grown, particularly in imports, and we have increased our spending ability on the part of the bank.

Debt Reduced—Revenue Increasing.

The debt of the Dominion is being reduced, offset to some extent of last by indirect obligations incurred on behalf of the National Railway. The annual revenue is increasing, owing to the further reduction in taxation, than which there can be no greater stimulus to enterprise.

Our industries, it is believed, will show satisfactory results from their operations this year, with the notable exception of at least Pulp and Newsprint, which is suffering from over-development, the natural result, no doubt, of previous over-expansion.

Very Large Field Crops.

Our field crops have been very low, though not lower than the early estimates indicated.

The price of the somewhat reduced prices being realized, many farmers may feel that the year has been a disappointment, and others engaged in handling grain, must benefit from the large crop, and our general prosperity will be helped thereby.

Savings Increased.

Savings deposits have increased, as also have the sales of life insurance, both of which are evidence of thrift.

Bank Mergers to End.

In the race for supremacy, another bank merger or absorption has recently occurred. This movement has surely nearly reached its end. As far as it has gone, it must have added to the likelihood of the union of the banks of the Dominion, both of which are evidence of thrift.

St. Lawrence Waterways.

The deepening of the St. Lawrence waterways is a subject of national interest, and the public just now. The United States would seem to intend to provide a deep shipping from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. It would seem desirable, therefore, that we have gone to the enormous expense of the enlarged Welland Canal, that negotiations should be begun as early as possible with that country to bring about the completion of the route through the St. Lawrence.

Country's Prospects Are Pleasing.

Altogether, the picture of the country's prospects as I see it is very pleasing, and reasonable confidence in the immediate future is well-founded.

Sir James Woods, Vice-President, in welcoming the adoption of the report, spoke in part:

Science Helps the Farmer.

As a result of several good harvests, Canada is prosperous and production far beyond any other country of this population. Our reason why so much is accomplished by ten million people is the increasing application of machinery in the fundamental industries. The rapid increase in the area under field crops in the three Prairie Provinces is indicated by the following figures:

1920 5,608,119 acres
1919 5,247,097 acres
1918 5,023,215 acres
1917 4,858,363 acres

This increase in acreage is far greater than the relative increase in population in these Provinces and, it is in a large measure, due to the introduction of labor-saving appliances. The annual production of tens of thousands of bushels of wheat may, as a result, be increased and the cost of production reduced.

Labor Benefits Through Science.

A similar development of mechanical labor-saving appliances has been continued in most lines of industry.

The development of labor-saving appliances has not worked to the disadvantage of labor.

In 1924 the American Federation of Labor commenced an exhaustive study to determine the number of wage-earners in the United States. It is the value they added to raw material by their labor, and the average wage per wage-earner per annum. The findings show that from 1914 to 1922, the value added to raw material by manufacturing increased 146 per cent., while wages per cent., in the same period, 146 per cent., and the number of wage-earners increased by 12½ per cent. showing clearly, I think, first, that it is not an axiom that production and that labor-saving machinery does not cause unemployment. It may force labor into different channels, but the new employment will probably be more desirable and advantageous.

Congratulations Government

We should congratulate the Government of Canada on its decision to erect and equip in Ottawa, a great research institute under the direction of the National Research Council. Similar congratulations should be extended to the Government of the Province of Ontario for providing public funds and for securing the co-operation of the industrialists of the Province in setting up a research institute in Toronto.

Farmer No Longer Isolated.

Inventions of the past generation have done much to make those living in the isolated places of the country feel that they are in touch with the rest of their fellows. The telephone, formerly found in the urban centers, has been extended so that the rural sections are no longer cut off from the world. The radio, at very slight cost, brings the music of the best orchestras to the cottage, while the development of good roads and automobiles has done much to annihilate the isolation of those in the rural areas.

The help that comes to us through the development of mechanical appliances and the promotion of science, is particularly fortunate for us, with our small population and great natural resources. Under the present conditions, it is not so imperative as in earlier times.

Mr. A. E. Wilson, General Manager, addressed the meeting in part:

The assets of the Bank have for the first time exceeded \$12,000,000. The profits of \$1,498,221 are the largest in the history of the Bank and have enabled us to write \$200,000 of Bank Premium Reserve and make an addition of \$200,000 to the Reserve Account, bringing that account up to \$2,000,000.

Dividends Increased \$2,000,000.

The deposits not bearing interest are \$27,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000, or 7½% for the year. The deposits bearing interest are \$9,119,000, an increase of over \$1,000,000, or 12½% for the year. Our actual cash on hand is \$2,000,000, an increase of over \$200,000, or 11½% for the year. The other cash items in the Balance Sheet to the total cash on hand we have \$2,000,000, or 11½% of the Bank's liabilities to the public.

Reserve Requirements.

The reserve requirements consisting of Dominion Government Bonds and other high-grade securities and securities we have \$74,500,000, equal to 56% of total liabilities to the public. A very strong position indeed.

Adequate Capital.

According to the September Government Return, the percentage of capital, paid up and undivided profits to total liabilities of all the chartered banks was 56%. The proportion of the same items to total liabilities in the Imperial Bank of Canada was 107%, so that if we want to look at the position from a purely capital standpoint, the Imperial Bank of Canada stands above the average.

Current Loans Up \$12,000,000.

It is in the current loans that the most remarkable change has taken place, the increase being \$12,000,000. It seems superfluous to repeat that our loans have been carefully examined and everything of a doubtful nature eliminated or provided for, but I once more assure you that such is the case, and that the Bank's position in this respect is thoroughly satisfactory to the Executive, is reflected in the transfer of \$200,000 to Reserve Fund or First Account.

New Branches.

New Branches: One Branch of the Bank was closed during the year and nine branches have been opened—

—at King and Bay Streets, at the corner of Mount Pleasant Road and Kingston Avenue, Toronto; at Leaside, Chatham and Canby in Ontario; one in Alberta and three in Saskatchewan. We have now 158 branches in actual operation.

Staff Numbers 1,484.

Staff: The opening of new branches means a constantly growing staff and we now have 1,484 employees, of whom slightly over 200 are young ladies. I have great pleasure in expressing my appreciation and loyalty of the staff—they work hard and get results.

Shareholders Number 2,651.

The total number of shareholders is 2,651, consisting with 2,650 a year ago and 2,650 in 1926.

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Bank's business.

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